



## Waikato Dragon Boating and Dragon Boating Association Inc

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### EVENT WAIVER AND AUTHORITY FORM

(16 November 2024)

I declare that all participants have read and understood the following:

1. My accepted entry will not be transferred to another entrant.
2. I acknowledge that there are risks involved with Dragon Boating and fully realise the dangers of participating in an event such as this and fully assume the risks associated with such participation and my wellbeing during the event.
3. I understand and agree that situations may arise during the event, which may be beyond the immediate control of officials or organisers, and I must continually participate in a manner that does not endanger either myself or others.
4. Neither the organisers, the sponsors nor other parties associated with the event shall have any responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any risk incident that might arise, whether or not by negligence, from any direct or indirect loss, injury or death that might be sustained by me or any other party directly or indirectly associated with me, from my intended or actual participation in the event or its related activities.
5. I authorise my name, voice, picture and information on this entry form to be used without payment to me in any broadcast, telecast, promotion, advertising, or any other way pursuant to the Privacy Act 1993.
6. I agree to comply with the rules, regulations and event instructions of the Super 12 Dragon Boating event on the 16 November 2024.
7. I consent to receiving medical treatment which may be advisable in the event of illness or injuries suffered during the event.
8. I confirm that I can swim 50 Metres and I will wear a PFD during the race.
9. I have read and understood the capsize procedures attached in the event that a capsize of the dragon boat should occur.

Team:

Signed (Team Manager):

	<b>Participant</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Emergency contact (name)</b>	<b>Emergency contact (number)</b>
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## **CAPSIZING PROCEDURES**

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Taken from the NZDBA Sweeps Accreditation Guidelines 2013

### **After a Capsizing**

Because of the size and design of the dragon boat, and the water conditions in which training and racing takes place, (that is placid water), dragon boating is generally safe and a capsizing, in such conditions is a rarity unless the crew is at fault.

### **What to do in a Capsizing**

In the event of a dragon boat capsizing:

- Each paddler should immediately account for their buddy (the person who sits adjacent to them. In the case of the drummer seats one and two are their buddies)
- The sweep should immediately ensure that all the crew are accounted for by calling out their numbers and noting the response or if this is not possible by a head count.
- The crew must initially stay with the dragon boat and leave it in the capsized position or if water logged, in the upturned position
- When a dragon boat has over turned no one should swim underneath it, but in such circumstances, it can be used as a floating platform, provided the crew space themselves evenly around the dragon boat.
- Alternatively, under the instructions of the sweep the dragon boat may be rolled back to the upturned position and used to support the paddlers by individuals holding onto the gunwales.
- In all situations the sweep should remain in control of the crew and, in a race situation, await the arrival of the rescue boats
- The crew should, if their paddles are within easy reach and safe to do so, attempt to retrieve them.
- If there are rescue boats then the crews should not attempt to retrieve their paddles. Paddlers should ensure they stay with the boat.
- Main concern should be paddler's welfare, paddles can be replaced, and drowned paddlers cannot. Let rescue crews collect paddles once crews are accounted for and ashore.
- On the arrival of the rescue boats, the crew should move as directed by the operators of the rescue boats, with the sweep remaining in the water until all the members of the crew have been rescued.
- If there are insufficient rescue boats to rescue all the crew in one go and the water conditions are kind, or it is shallow, then the crew members can remain with the dragon boat and start to swim it to the nearest shore. This should only be done under the control of the sweep and when the swimmers are capable and not at risk.
- Once the crew is safe. A rescue boat may be used to recover the dragon boat.